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Construction of a causeway across the Pennar at Chennur.

*1310 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state, in reference to answers given to question No. 843 on 29th November 1928,—

(a) what the suggestions of the Superintending Engineer are in regard to the causeway across the Pennar at Chennur; and

(b) what action is proposed to be taken on those suggestions?

A.—(a) A copy of the Superintending Engineer's suggestions[a] is appended.

(b) An estimate in accordance with the Superintending Engineer's suggestions is under preparation and the District Board will proceed further when the estimate is ready.

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"In view of the report of the Chief Engineer, may I know whether it would not be better to construct a regular bridge across the Pennar seeing that it is a trunk road and that almost all the traffic in the district has to pass over that river?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"As I have said before, the programme before the Government with regard to bridge building has to be completed before new bridges can be thought of."

Transfer of elementary teachers in Malabar district.

*1311 Q.—Mr. K. Madhavan Nayar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of transfers of the teachers employed in the elementary schools under the different taluk boards of Malabar during the years 1927 and 1928; and

(b) whether any travelling allowance is given to the above low-paid teachers when such transfers are made?

A.—The Government have no information and have called for a report.

Mr. K. Madhavan Nayar:—"Will the hon. Minister be pleased to place the report on the table when received?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"Yes."

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Construction of a vakrani in Chinna Hothur.

*1312 Q.—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether an estimate for the construction of a vakrani in Chinna Hothur, Alur taluk, Bellary district, was sanctioned; if so, in which year and for how much;

(b) whether any progress has been made in its execution;

(c) whether the work was inspected by the Bellary District Board Engineer and if so, with what result; and

(d) whether petitions have been received from the people complaining of the unsatisfactory condition of the vakrani and if so, how they have been disposed of?

a Printed as Appendix IX on pages 647-648 infra.

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A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have no information. They have called for it.

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know whether the information has been received ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" No information has been received."

Proposed classification of the Bellary-Cuddapah road under Provincial roads.

* 1313 Q.—Mr. C. Obi Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a proposal from the President of the District Board of Anantapur to classify the Bellary-Cuddapah road under Provincial roads ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government are considering the question of classifying the same under Provincial roads ;

(*c*) whether the said Bellary-Cuddapah road was once important as a military road ; and

(*d*) whether the Government were treating the same as one of its first-class roads, and if so, for what reasons ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes ; but the Government are unable to hold out any hope of being able to convert the road into a trunk road in the near future.

(*c*) The road has not been of any particular military importance though it was used by the military when necessary.

(*d*) A portion of the road, about 12 miles, forms part of the Madras-Bombay trunk road. The rest was never classed as a trunk road.

Action taken on the recommendations of the Roads Committee.

* 1314 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps are being taken to carry out the recommendations of the Roads Committee, specially as regards the conversion of trunk roads into Imperial roads and the abolition of tolls ;

(*b*) whether it is proposed to convert the newly converted Bantwal-Charmadi road into an Imperial road ;

(*c*) what steps are being taken to improve the condition of that road to meet the heavy traffic of motor lorry and motor-bus services ; and

(*d*) what amount is provided for overhauling the ghaut section of that road in the budget for 1929–30 ?

A.—(*a*) The recommendations of the Committee are now under the consideration of the Government.

(*b*) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(*c*) It is for the District Board to take steps to improve the road.

(*d*) The question is under consideration.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*b*), may I enquire whether the Government have decided to make provision in the budget for 1929–30 ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Not at present. The question is still under consideration."